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C) BANGKOK 6858 NOTAL

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL FROM AMBASSADOR KINTNER

1. FROM THIS ADMITTEDLY DISTANT VANTAGE POINT, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD AVOID FURTHER HIGH LEVEL APPROACHES TO THE RTG ON THE VISIT OF THE NORTH KOREAN TRADE DELEGATION AT THIS TIME. I DON'T THINK ITS GOING TO LEAD VERY FAR. ONE NEWSPAPER HAS ALREADY REPORTED HOW GRIM THE DELEGATION LEADER WAS UPON ARRIVWL. THE THAI LIKE THEIR VISITORS TO SMILE.

2. AS REFERENCES B AND C POINT OUT, DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THAILAND AND NORTH KOREA ARE NOT A CURRENT PROSPECT. FOREIGN MINISTER CHARUNPHAN ITSARANGKUN NA AYUTTHAYA SPECIFICALLY TOLD ME APRIL 26 THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CONSIDERATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (REF C). THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR ALREADY MENTIONED TO AN MFA OFFICIAL
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THAT NORTH KOREA'S PRINCIPAL ALLIES HAVE NOT MOVED TO

RECOGNIZE SOUTH KOREA, (REF B). THE OFFICIAL RESPONDED THAT HE WAS THOROUGHLY AWARE OF THAT POINT, THAT INDEED THE ROK EMBASSY HERE HAD BEEN MORE THAN FULLY EXPLICIT ABOUT IT. WE WILL, NEVERTHELESS, CONTINUE TO SEEK APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES TO REITERATE THIS THEME. WE WILL STRESS OUR BELIEF THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD GIVE EVENHANDED TREATMENT TO THE TWO KOREAN PARTIES AS A MEANS OF ENSURING THE RESOLUTION OF KOREAN ISSUES AND THE STABILITY OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA. WE WILL ALSO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT ON THIS MATTER WITH THE NEW ROK AMBASSADOR WHO HAS JUST ARRIVED IN BANGKOK.

3. I REGRET THAT REF B (ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED REF A AS BANGKOK 2731) WAS NOT IN YOURS HANDS BEFORE YOUR MEETING WITH ROK AMBASSADOR HAHM ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 25. OUR INFORMATION IS THAT THE TELEGRAM ARRIVED IN THE DEPARTMENT APRIL 25 IN TWO SECTIONS, ONE AT 0941 AND THE OTHER AT 0958. KINTNER

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